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SUBJECT: U. S. ALGERIAN RELATIONS

FOR ASST SEC NEWSOM

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1. MARCH 12 I GAVE ZEGHAR MESSAGE CONTAINED REFTEL
RE NEWSOM' S VIEWS ON EL PASO LOAN, RESUMPTION RELATIONS
AND POSSIBLE VISIT TO ALGIERS. HE SAID HIS PLANS FOR
THIS WEEK WERE NOT YET FIXED. HE HAD INTENDED TO
SPEND SEVERAL DAYS IN EUROPE BUT WISHED BE IN ALGIERS
TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE DURING
PERIOD OF SONATRACH- EXIM NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON.

2. ZEGHAR UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED WITH NEWSOM' S DESIRE
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NOT TO COME TO ALGIERS UNTIL SOLID FOUNDATION EXISTED.
HE BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT NEWSOM SHOULD VISIT ALGIERS
VERY SOON AFTER EL PASO LOAN IS CONCLUDED SO AS TO SEE
BOUMEDIENE AT OPTIMUM MOMENT.

3. ZEGHAR SUGGESTS THAT IF AGREEMENT ON LOAN IS REACHED
DURING THIS WEEK HE WILL RAISE QUESTION OF US- ALGERIAN
RELATIONS WITH PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE WEEKEND MARCH 17 -18
(BOUMEDIENE OFTEN SPENDS WEEKENDS IN VILLA ON ZEGHAR
PROPERTY). IF INDICATIONS FROM BOUMEDIENE ARE POSITIVE
ZEGHAR WILL ADVISE NEWSOM SO THAT CONSIDERATION COULD
BE GIVEN TO HIS VISITING ALGIERS AT END OF EUROPEAN
CONSULTATIONS. ZEGHAR DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF HIS
GOING TO LONDON.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORTS FROM DEPT ON
EXIM SONATRACH NEGOTIATIONS AS THEY DEVELOP.
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